

Seeking to Build Community

The following is a summary of ideas for a planned Frederick Listening Tour by the Board of Trustees. I would like for us to discuss and crystallize this project at the December 8, 2009 meeting of the board. I ask that you approach this plan with a critical eye and willingness to participate in helping build capacity and involvement in our community.

Goals:

- Reach out and listen to the community about their dreams and hopes for Frederick
- Provide an opportunity for Mayor/Board to share the "Frederick Story"
- Gather data and information from the community through a brief survey and questionnaire
- Build future leadership capacity by raising awareness of volunteer opportunities within the Town of Frederick

Schedule:

Series of meetings on successive days around the community.

- Tuesday, February 2-7-9 p.m.-Town Hall
- Wednesday, February 3-10 am-12 noon-Prairie Greens
- Thursday, February 4, 7-9 pm-Bella Rosa Golf Course Clubhouse
- Friday, February 5, 2-4 pm-Stevinson Lexus or Stapp Interstate Toyota
- Saturday, February 6, 10 am-12 noon-Fire Station 2

Consider the following general format;

- *1st half hour*-Introductions of Mayor/Board/Administrator and other Staff and participants. Review of Town through brief power point used with business community in past (may need updating), share some of the accomplishments of the town-economic, community, infrastructure, organization, etc.
- *2nd hour*-3 x 5 cards with following questions;
 - *3 things that you like about Frederick*
 - *3 things you would like to see in Frederick that are currently missing*
 - *3 things that drew you to Frederick*

- *3 biggest disappointments in living/working in Frederick*

This will be an extended conversation in small groups led by each board member present, mayor and or key staff, and provide an opportunity for residents and participants to share their thoughts. The group input will then be shared with the larger group. This will be helpful anecdotal information for all gathered and help to provide some input to the board in planning the various programs and efforts of the town during our annual retreat and budgeting process.

- *Last ½ hour*-Have a survey similar to the one below asking a series of questions to participants. Also, closing with comments from mayor and board thanking for participation and involvement. Consider having forms for various volunteer boards and commissions available in room along with a display of each board and commission the function and purpose of those boards including details about meeting times, etc.

Possible Survey

How do you receive your communication about community events most often?

- _____ Newspaper. Please identify which papers you receive in your home _____
- _____ Internet
- _____ Town Web Site
- _____ Other

What services are most important to you as a citizen?

- _____ snow Removal
- _____ Police Protection
- _____ Parks
- _____ Trails and Bikeways
- _____ Golf Course
- _____ Special Community Events-Miners Day, Tree Lighting, Fishing is Fun, Art Show
- _____ Single Source Trash and Recycling

- ____ Road Enhancements and Maintenance
- ____ Purchase of Open Space
- ____ Quality and Quantity of Water Resource for current and future growth
- ____ Economic Development Effort for Jobs
- ____ Provision of Incentives for Retail Development
- ____ Provision of Incentives for Job Development
- ____ Entry Features and enhancements
- ____ Art in Public Places
- ____ Working to secure one community zip code
- ____ Other (please list)

What are some things you would like the Town board and Mayor to do better for you as a resident?

What attracted you to Frederick to live?

What is your biggest disappointment in Frederick?

If we were to propose funding of a project(s) for the town which of the following would you be interesting in seeing;

- ____ further enhancements of lanes to Colorado Blvd.
- ____ further median enhancements along Colorado Blvd. from Tipple to Bella Rosa Parkway
- ____ Purchase of additional Open Space
- ____ Downtown Enhancements based on Downtown Plan
- ____ Expansion of Art in Public Places
- Trails and Park Enhancements
- ____ Promotion of Town
- ____ Commitment to Bike and Walking Lanes or Sidewalks on Arterial Streets
- ____ Participation in the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP). This is a major water project
- ____ Purchase of Land for Expansion of the Bella Rosa Golf Course
- ____ Ball Fields and Sports Venues
- ____ Ice Rink

- ____ Enhancements to Centennial Park
- ____ Entry Feature at Highway 52 and I-25 and Highway 52 and Colorado Blvd.
- ____ Overpass and walking trail at I-25 and either Tipple or Godding Hollow Parkway
- ____ Mass Transit alternatives
- ____ Joining the Regional Transportation District
- ____ Ability to transmit Board Meetings to residents through cable or on web site

How would you encourage the town to pay for the items mentioned above?

- ____ consider a tax proposal to the voters
- ____ cut other essential services-what and where
- ____ consider bonding
- ____ have growth impact fees for future needs
- ____ go for matching grants through existing state programs (GOCO, Energy Impact, etc)
- ____ consider a lodging tax with no impact on residents of the Town of Frederick
- ____ consider a grocery tax with funds used for a specific project or need
- ____ rise in property tax

Have you ever attended a Town Board Meeting?

Have you ever spoken at a Town Board Meeting?

If yes how do you feel you were treated by the Mayor and Town Board?

Do you know what day and time board meetings are held?

Have you ever written or called the Mayor or Town Board member?

How were you treated and was the response satisfactory?

Have you ever been in Town Hall?

What was your feeling when you came into town hall and how were you treated?

Have you ever read the Mayor's comments in the local papers?

There may be other questions and information we seek to learn...this is only a starting point.

I look forward to our discussion of this on the 8th.